

Appln. No. 10/815,266
Amendment dated September 29, 2006
Response to Office Action dated June 1, 2006

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Remarks/Arguments

The foregoing amendments and these remarks are in response to the Office Action, dated June 1, 2006. At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-23 and 37-51 were pending in the application. Claims 1-16, 21-23 and 37-51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Claims 17-20 were indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter but were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim.

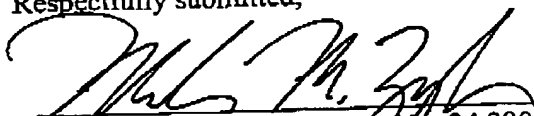
Because claims 1-16, 21-23 and 37-51 have been cancelled, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of these claims is moot.

While objected to, claim 16 was indicated as being otherwise allowable if rewritten to incorporate the recitations of the base claim and all intervening claims. Claim 17 has been so rewritten. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 17 is now in condition for allowance. Because they depend from claim 17, claims 18-20 are necessarily allowable as well.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the issues raised in the Office Action have been satisfactorily addressed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of pending claims 17-20; withdrawal of the objections to these claims; and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

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